

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at lines 1-18 of page 8 with the following replacement paragraph:

During the implementation of a staged combustion method with this burner assembly and an oxygen source, the fuel is injected by the orifices ~~5 and 6~~ 3 and 4 and the oxygen-rich oxygenated gas is injected by the orifices 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. No gas is injected by the orifices 11, 12 and 13. This method corresponds to a staged combustion method employing an oxygen-rich oxygenated gas with a primary jet and two secondary jets. During an interruption in oxygen production and the use of oxygen in a limited quantity, this burner assembly allows the method according to the invention described above to be implemented: the fuel is always injected by the orifices 3 and 4 and the oxygen-rich oxygenated gas is always injected by the orifices 5, 6, 7 and 8. In contrast, no oxygenated gas is injected by the orifices 9 and 10 and an oxygen-lean oxygenated gas is injected by the orifices 11, 12 and 13.